

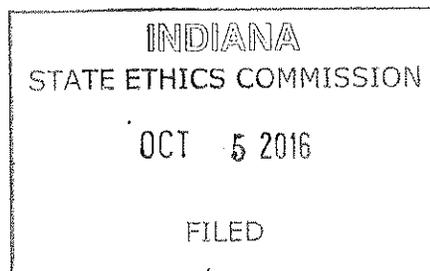


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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 5, 2016

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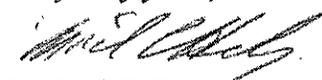
Dear Ms. Garner:

I am the Ethics Officer for the State of Indiana, Civil Rights Commission (ICRC). I am writing this letter to you on behalf of Ms. Kerry Steiner, Executive Director of the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC), an organization formed under the auspices of the ICRC. Ms. Steiner recently attended an annual conference sponsored by the University of Notre Dame and the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi in South Bend, Indiana.

Pursuant to 42 Ind. Admin. Code (I.A.C.) 1-5-1(c) (2012): Gifts, travel expenses; waivers, I am waiving application of the gift rule in this matter. Enclosed herein please find a completed, written waiver form under 42 I.A.C. 1-5-1(d). The enclosed form includes: (a) the University of Notre Dame and Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi's business relationship with the INAIAC; (b) a description of the items solicited, accepted, received and approximate value; and (c) the reasons why acceptance of the gift is in the public interest.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at this address, by e-mail at mhealy@erc.in.gov, or you may telephone me at 317/232-2632. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Michael C. Healy
Ethics Officer

Encl. / MCH

cc: Ms. Kerry Steiner





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NAME OF AGENCY / OFFICE:

Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission under the Indiana Civil Rights Commission

NAME OF RECIPIENT: Kerry Steiner

TITLE OF RECIPIENT: Executive Director, Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM SOLICITED, ACCEPTED OR RECEIVED, AND APPROXIMATE VALUE OF ITEM:
Registration and hotel expenses up to 3 days during Sustainable Wisdom Conference. Room dates include: September 11-14, 2016. Approximate value includes: \$675.00 (registration); \$480.00 (hotel). Total value: \$1,155.00

DATE OF RECEIPT: Event was held September 11-14, 2016. Reimbursement voucher was submitted on October 5, 2016

NAME OF DONOR: University of Notre Dame and the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi

DONOR'S ADDRESS: University of Notre Dame, 215 Jordan Hall of Science, Notre Dame, IN 46556

NATURE OF BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH AGENCY:

The Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC) studies and makes recommendations to appropriate federal, state and local governmental agencies in areas of concern to our state's Native and non-Native people and communities. The ultimate objectives of the INAIAC are to: (a) bring the Native communities together; (b) help identify and provide opportunities to the Native American community; and (c) enhance social, cultural, community and economic development in Indiana. The Sustainable Wisdom Conference brings together an interdisciplinary set of scholars and artists ready to integrate first-nation and mainstream contemporary understandings to move toward a flourishing planet. The purpose of said Conference is to bring a wider audience of "first ways", what we know about their effects and how to integrate them into modern life for global flourishing. This conference helped to provide a platform to fulfill our mission statement.

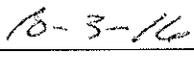
STATE WHY ACCEPTANCE IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST:

As the only statewide agency representing the Native American population, it was important to have a presence at this event. Speakers from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico were present. Contacts were made with organizations that serve youth, Elders and the general population. In addition, future collaborations with the University of Notre Dame were discussed to study the socioeconomic status of Indiana's Native people.



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